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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: INFORMAL TALKS WITH GOA

REF: A) BUENOS AIRES 2420; B) BUENOS AIRES 2228

1. DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY VIEWS EXPRESSED REF A AND CONCURS WITH AMBASSADOR HILL'S PROPOSED APPROACH TO GOA AS OUTLINED PARA 6 REF A. WE WILL CONVEY TO ARGENTINE EMBASSY LINKAGE BETWEEN AEROLINEAS FUTURE US SERVICES, PAN AM'S SCHEDULING PROBLEMS AND SUCCESS OF US/GOA BILATERAL TALKS.

2. AEROLINEAS HAS FILED WITH CAB NEW SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE MAY 1. AIRLINE PROPOSES TO DELETE BOGOTA AND MEXICO CITY STOPS FROM ONE ROUND TRIP FREQUENCY WHICH CURRENTLY FLIES BUENOS AIRES-LIMA-BOGOTA-MEXICO CITY-LOS ANGELES. REST OF SCHEDULE UNCHANGED. IN ITS DISCUSSION WITH APPROPRIATE GOA OFFICIALS EMBASSY MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, INDICATE THAT CAB WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO APPROVE AEROLINEAS' NEW SCHEDULE, AND MAY CONSIDER OTHER RECIPROCAL ACTION IF GOA CON-

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TINUES TO IMPEDE PAA'S OPERATIONS.

3. ON APRIL 9 AEROLINEAS REQUESTED CAB TO WAIVE NORMAL 30 DAY NOTIFICATION PERIOD FOR INCLUDING ADDITIONAL STOP,

LIMA, ON AEROLINEAS FLIGHT 372/73 SERVING BUENOS AIRES-BOGOTA-MEXICO CITY-LOS ANGELES. AIRLINE WISHED TO IMPLEMENT LIMA STOP ON APRIL 10. CAB HAS DENIED WAIVER ON GROUNDS OF INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR EVALUATING IMPLICATION OF ADDING PROPOSED STOP AND BECAUSE OF PAA SCHEDULING PROBLEM IN ARGENTINA. WE BELIEVE THERE MAY BE SUBSTANTIVE DIFFICULTIES WITH LIMA STOP IN THAT IT COULD HAVE RAMIFICATIONS ON CURRENT US AVIATION DISPUTE WITH PERU.

4. FYI: WE DOUBT THAT MUCH MORE CAN BE GAINED FROM FURTHER INFORMAL BILATERAL TALKS EVEN IF PAA SCHEDULING PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED. IF GOA APPROVES PAN AM CHANGE OF GAUGE BEYOND APRIL 17 AND AUTHORIZES ITS MONTEVIDEO FLIGHT, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO BEGIN FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS, IF GOA WISHES TO DO SO. INVITATION AS WELL AS SUGGESTION FOR TIME AND PLACE SHOULD ORIGINATE FROM GOA. FOR NUMBER OF REASONS, WE WOULD PREFER MEETING IN WASHINGTON. AS RECOMMENDED REF A SUSPENSION OF ALL CIVAIR BILATERAL TALKS SHOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT PENDING SETTLEMENT OF PAA SCHEDULE.

5. RE REF B, DEPARTMENT AGREES WITH EMBASSY THAT GOA REQUEST FOR "ROUTE PARITY" IS EXTRAVAGANT. IN VIEW OF DISPARATE SIZES OF RESPECTIVE US AND ARGENTINE AVIATION MARKETS, ANY US ACCEPTANCE OF "ROUTE PARITY" WOULD RESULT IN OVERWHELMING ECONOMIC ADVANTAGE FOR ARGENTINA BY ALLOWING IT ACCESS TO HUGE US MARKET WITHOUT CORRESPONDING OFFSET. TO REDRESS BALANCE OF BENEFITS WE WOULD THEN EXPECT EQUAL VALUE QUID FROM ARGENTINES. ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME TO SPECULATE ON EXACT NATURE OF SUCH A QUID, IT WOULD BE SUFFICIENTLY HIGH TO CANCEL ANY GOA ADVANTAGE IN OBTAINING "ROUTE PARITY". ACCORDINGLY, WE BELIEVE THAT ANY GOA APPROACH GEARED TO "ROUTE PARITY" WOULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY SHOULD DEFER INFORMING GOA OF OUR VIEWS RE THIS ISSUE SINCE OUR POSTURE FOR MOMENT IS THAT WE CANNOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTINUE INFORMAL TALKS UNTIL PAN AM SCHEDULE PROBLEMS RESOLVED. END FYI.

6. ON BASIS INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE WE DO NOT SEE ANY ADVANTAGE IN RELATING PROGRESS OF CIVAIR TALKS WITH SECRETARY'S FORTHCOMING VISIT. DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS THAT US-ARGENTINE CIVAIR MATTERS SHOULD BE LEFT TO WORKING LEVEL AND SHOULD NOT BE RELATED TO OTHER BILATERAL ISSUES.

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